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In re Application of ARNOLD et al
U.S. Application No.: 10/516,468
PCT Application No.: PCT/IB03/01962
Int. Filing Date: 16 May 2003
Priority Date Claimed: 04 June 2002
Attorney Docket No.: AT02 0029 US
For: ROLL BACK METHOD FOR A SMART
CARD

DECISION

This is in response to applicant's "Petition to Withdraw Abandonment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)" filed 21 July 2006.

BACKGROUND

On 16 May 2003, applicant filed international application papers with the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). The submission was assigned the above-identified International Application Number and International Filing Date.

On 16 May 2003, applicant filed international application PCT/IB03/01962, which claimed priority of an earlier European Patent Office application filed 04 June 2002. A copy of the international application was communicated to the USPTO from the International Bureau on 11 December 2003. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired on 04 December 2004.

On 02 December 2004, applicant filed national stage papers in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US). The submission was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1).

On 17 June 2005, the DO/EO/US mailed a Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/905), which indicated that an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497 must be filed.

On 04 August 2005, applicant purportedly filed an executed declaration via facsimile.

On 13 July 2006, the DO/EO/US mailed a Notification of Abandonment (Form PCT/DO/EO/909), which indicated that the application is abandoned for failure to timely respond to the Notification of Missing Requirements.

On 21 July 2006, applicant filed the present petition under 37 CFR 1.181.

DISCUSSION

37 CFR 1.8(b) states:

In the event that correspondence is considered timely filed by being mailed or transmitted in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section, but not received in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office after a reasonable amount of time has elapsed from the time of mailing or transmitting of the correspondence, or after the application is held to be abandoned, or after the proceeding is dismissed, terminated, or decided with prejudice, the correspondence will be considered timely if the party who forwarded such correspondence:

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- (2) Supplies an additional copy of the previously mailed or transmitted correspondence and certificate; and
- (3) Includes a statement which attests on a personal knowledge basis or to the satisfaction of the Director to the previous timely mailing or transmission. If the correspondence was sent by facsimile transmission, a copy of the sending unit's report confirming transmission may be used to support this statement.

With regard to item (1) above, the present petition was promptly filed.

With regard to item (2) above, the present petition includes a copy of the previously transmitted correspondence and certificate.

With regard to item (3) above, the statement contained in the petition is not from the person whose name appears on the certificate of transmission.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is DISMISSED without prejudice.

If reconsideration on the merits of the petition is desired, a proper response must be filed within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Any reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.181".

Please direct further correspondence with respect to this matter to Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Office of PCT Legal Administration, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention of the Office of PCT Legal Administration.



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